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The listed documents were cited in a European Search Report (copy enclosed), dated July 23, 2001, issued by a foreign patent office in a counterpart European application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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